

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings replaces the original sheet including FIG. 5. In the amendment, FIG. 5 has been amended to depict “content blocks” included in the “packet” as recited by the claims.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-20 are pending, of which claims 1, 11 and 19 are independent.

Claims 1-8, 10-15 and 18-20 have been amended to correct informalities in the claim language and to more clearly define the present subject matter. Support for the amendment is found, for example, at the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 28 of the specification. Care has been taken to avoid introducing new matter.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 5-10 and 16-18 if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Objections to the Claims

Claim 1, 3, 11, 13 and 19 were objected to because of informalities. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments made to these claims overcome this objection.

Objections to the Drawings

The Drawings were objected to because the drawings allegedly fail to show every feature of the claims.

Regarding claims 1, 13 and 19, although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's assertion, Applicant has amended FIG. 5 to illustrate the "content blocks."

Regarding the "synchronous transmitting unit" of claim 1, the "read-out" unit of claim 3 and the "validity generating unit" of claim 4, Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, and 4. In light of the amendments, it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the objections to the drawings.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments made to the claims overcome this rejection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1-4, 11-15, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Asano et al. (US 6,978,377). This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

Applicant respectfully submits that, at a minimum, Asano fails to disclose transmitting, in parallel with the each of the content blocks, content status information indicating to which part of overall content said each of the content block corresponds, as recited by amended claim 1. The Examiner asserts that FIG. 4 of Asano indicating original or copy discloses the claimed content status information. However, the indication of original or copy does not indicate to which part of overall content the each of the content block corresponds.

As such, it is clear that, at a minimum, Asano fails to disclose the content status information indicating to which part of overall content the each of the content block corresponds, as recited by amended claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon are patentable over Asano. Similarly, since amended claims 11 and 19 recite the content status information indicating to which part of overall content the each of the content block corresponds, claims 11 and 19 and all claims dependent thereon are patentable over Asano for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Thus, it is requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-4, 11-15, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

CONCLUSION

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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